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- 1. EMBOFF DELIVERED NOTE VERBALE TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) RE URBINI (US DESK) JULY 19 INFORMING GOI THAT THEIR DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR RECIPROCAL LICENSING AGREEMENT NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE (FOR REASONS DISCUSSED STATE A-4061 OF JUNE 12, 1975) AND REQUESTING GOI TO RECONSIDER US PROPOSAL. EBOFF NOTED THAT US AUTHORITIES DID NOT OBJECT TO PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BUT BELIEVED THEY NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT; WHAT USG DESIRES IS BROAD AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, LEAVING RESPECTIVE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FREE TO APPLY THEIR OWN PROCEDURES, WHICH NEED NOT BE IDENTICAL.
- 2. URBINI SAID HE WOULD FORWARD NOTE TO MINISTRY POST AND TELEGRAPH BUT BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, REPLY WOULD NOT BE READY FOR "SOME TIME".
- 3. COMMENT. RECIPROCAL LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS NOT RPT NOT AMONG HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS AT MINISTRY POST AND TELEGRAPH OR MFA. REPLY TO OUR FIRST NOTE, PROPOSING AN AGREEMENT AND FORWARDING DRAFT TEXT TOOK NEARLY TWO YEARS DESPITE REPEATED EMBASSY PRODDING. VOLPE

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